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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/17/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding Claim 1, it appears that the phrase "arranged so as to transverse a short surface of the ferrite member at an oblique angle to the short sides" would be more clear if it read as --arranged adjacent along the length of a short surface of the ferrite member at an oblique angle to the short sides--, especially since the term "transverse" is not a verb and thus is confusing.

Regarding Claim 2, it appears that the phrase "arranged so as to transverse a short surface of the ferrite" would be more clear if it read as --arranged adjacent along the length of a short surface of the ferrite--, similar to Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 7, it appears that the phrase "arranged so as to transverse a long surface" would be more clear if it read as --arranged adjacent along the length of a long surface--, similar to Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 8, it appears that the phrase "arranged to transverse the short surface" would be more clear if it read as --arranged adjacent the short surface--, similar to Claim 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

Art Unit: 2817

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kawanami et al. (US2002/0180550).

Kawanami teaches an isolator including: a rectangular ferrite (e.g. see Fig. 4) having three central conductors wrapped around the ferrite; a yoke having top and bottom parts (56, 57); central conductors contact the long sides of the ferrite and also are adjacent to the short sides at an oblique angle (e.g. see 11, 12 of Fig. 4) (Claim 1); and the conductors each have two portions (Claim 2).

4. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Komai (US2003/0080823).

Komai (e.g. Fig. 1A) teaches an identical structure to the claimed invention.

5. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Komai et al. (US2003/0218513).

Komai (e.g. Fig. 1A) teaches an identical structure to the claimed invention.

6. Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Allowable Subject Matter

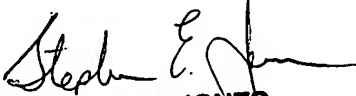
7. Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen E. Jones whose telephone number is 571-272-1762. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert J. Pascal can be reached on 571-272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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